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SUBJECT: 1975-76 US-ROMANIAN PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES--
IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS

REF: A) BUCHAREST 1978; B) BUCHAREST 1890

1. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS EMBASSY FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
OF COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS ON 1975-76 IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS
AS REPORTED REFTEL. PROVISIONS ON HOUSING AND CURRENCY
EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR VISITORS ARE PARTICULARLY
WELCOME. AMBASSADOR AUTHORIZED TO INITIAL SUBJECT TO
FOLLOWING:

2. USIA ASSUMES THAT PAO LETTER TO COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL
CULTURE AND EDUCATION (ART III-C) WILL MAKE POINTS
CONTAINED IN BROWN-FERNANDEZ LETTER OF FEBRUARY 12, 1975.

3. CU-EE WISHES MAKE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

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A. ARTICLE I, SECTION C, ITEM 5. EMBASSY'S UNDER-

STANDING THAT COVERAGE IS LIMITED TO DOLS 2000 FOR ROMANIAN GRANTEES IS INCORRECT. THERE IS STANDARD INSURANCE POLICY ON ALL CU FOREIGN GRANTEES WHICH

PROVIDES FOR DOLS 2000 FOR ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS TREATMENT. THERE IS ALSO A PROVISION IN MECEA ACT WHICH PROVIDES FOR COVERING EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXPENSES. THEREFORE DEPARTMENT CAN, AND DOES AS APPROPRIATE, PROVIDE CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN DOLS 2000 COVERAGE.

DEPARTMENT BELIEVES USE OF WORD "SERIOUS" IS NOT A PROBLEM PROVIDED EACH SIDE KNOWS WHAT OTHER MEANS BY TERM. EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID SUGGESTING LIMITATION OF COVERAGE PROVIDED BY ROMANIANS (SINCE THEY APPARENTLY HAVE NO LIMITATIONS UNDER THEIR NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL SYSTEM) AND SHOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THEIR MEANING OF WORD "SERIOUS."

B. ARTICLE I, SECTION C ITEM 5(A) EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING CORRECT.

C. ARTICLE I, SECTION C, ITEM 6(B) DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH LANGUAGE THIS PARAGRAPH.

D. ARTICLE I, SECTION F. ROMANIAN SUGGESTIONS ACCEPTABLE AND WE ASSUME THEY WILL ATTEMPT MEET NEW DEADLINES.

E. ARTICLE II. DEPARTMENT DESIRES RETURN TO ORIGINAL LANGUAGE (BUCHAREST 5688) IN LINE WITH CU POLICY OF STANDARD PER DIEM RATE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED RAISE DOLS 35 TO 40 (WHICH IS CURRENT IV RATE) FOR VISITS OF 30 DAYS OR LESS. FYI, EMBASSY MAY RECALL THAT DOLS 20 WAS CHOSEN AS BASE RATE BECAUSE MONTHLY AMOUNT WOULD THEN BE SAME AS RESEARCHER/LECTURER STIPEND.) KISSINGER

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